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Coins

Rarities hit the Freedom trail

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HERE'S A potpourri of coins and currency news:

● When the American Freedom Train arrives in Chicago on July 28, several numismatic items will be included among the historical artifacts.

For example, one display includes three bank notes—in \$1, \$2, and \$3 denominations—issued by the Salomon Bank of Philadelphia in 1828.

Included among medals on display are the Nobel Prize medal; the medal voted by Congress to be presented to Adm. Robert E. Peary, following his discovery of the North Pole; the Congressional Medal of Honor; 27 medals won by athlete Jim Thorpe; and the gold Olympic medals won by swimmer Johnny Weissmuller in 1924 and 1928.

● A friend of mine in Evanston received a good condition 1895 Indian head cent in change last week. Altho dealers sell that coin for only 75 cents, finding an Indian head in circulation is an exceedingly rare occurrence.

But old coins sometimes turn up, and it's well worth while to check your pocket change daily.

● It may be 1976 before the United States Mint mails all of the Bicentennial proof and uncirculated sets ordered by the public. But, a mint spokesman adds, some of the Bicentennial sets already have been mailed.

Orders are still being accepted for the 40 per cent silver, three-coin proof sets [\$12 a set], and for the three-coin uncirculated sets [\$9 a set, or \$7 a set if 50 or more sets are purchased].